

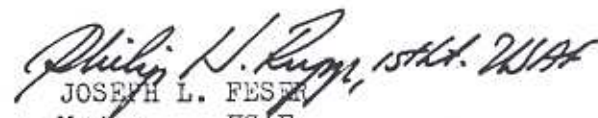
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COUNTRY GERMANY		REPORT NO. 58-B-3004-B	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>			
SUBJECT US Nationals in Penal Labor Camp # 04 in TAYSHET.			
AREA REPORTED ON TAYSHET, USSR		FROM (Agency) 7050 AISW (USAF)	
DATE OF REPORT 16-18 Feb 54	DATE OF INFORMATION Dec 47 - Feb 50	EVALUATION C-3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) JOSEPH L. FESER, Major, USAF		SOURCE 272769	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			
<p>I. <u>PREAMBLE:</u> From Dec 47 to Feb 50 SOURCE was interned in Penal Labor Camp # 04 in TAYSHET (5557N-9802E), serving a time of 25 years' imprisonment in a penal labor camp to which he was sentenced in PW Camp in VOROSHILOVGRAD (4834N-3920E) for pilfering food. During this period SOURCE was employed as a lumberjack in the forests in the area of TAYSHET. All information contained in this Report is based on SOURCE's own observation unless otherwise stated.</p> <p>II. <u>US NATIONALS IN PENAL LABOR CAMP # 04 in TAYSHET:</u> On July, 17th and 18th, 47, SOURCE was working in a forest 54 km E of TAYSHET (5557N-9802E) and was billeted for these 2 days in a sub-camp of Penal Labor Camp # 04. This sub-camp consisted of two compounds, each 4x2 km in extension, and housed thousands of penal laborers of various nationalities, such as Russians, Japanese, Chinese, Turks, Spaniards, and other nationalities. These laborers were employed on the construction of a railway leading from TAYSHET to BRATSK (5650N-10140E), covering a distance of approx 300 km. On this occasion SOURCE met 4 Americans, between the ages of 28 to 36, tall men, each of them over 1.80 m, broad shouldered, who spoke broken German. They told SOURCE they were members of the American Air Force who had been stationed in VIENNA (4814N-1624E). In 46 the four of them made an excursion to the VIENNA PRATER where they were arrested by Soviet soldiers. From VIENNA they were taken to MOSKVA (5545N-3735E). They were put on trial on the charge for having committed espionage for the Western Powers and were sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in a penal labor camp. At the end of 46 they were moved to Penal Labor Camp # 04 in TAYSHET where they had to work as laborers on the construction of the TAYSHET - BRATSK RR. They wore khaki denims with a pocket on the trouser leg. Their hair was close cropped. They told SOURCE in their broken German or with the help of Latvian prisoners who spoke both English and German that during their trial in MOSKVA they had been exposed to repeated beatings and during interrogations they had to stand in the glare of strong floodlights. Several times they were kept in underground cells where the water stood ankle-high. SOURCE was unable to give the names of these Americans. SOURCE knew for certain that when he left TAYSHET in Feb 50 the Americans were still employed on the construction of the RR line, which was at that time extended to 300 km E of BRATSK, as he made it a point to ask fellow prisoners who worked on the RR after them.</p>			
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